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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ALASKA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,) Case No. 3:05-cr-108 (JWS)
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Plaintiff,)
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vs.)
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CARLOS RAINNEY, ET AL,)
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Defendant.)
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The United States submits its response to the court's order at Docket 135
Regarding Preparation of a Scheduling and Planning Order. As to those subjects
the court directed the United States to submit responses, the United States submits

the following:

- 1: the fax number and e-mail address for counsel of the United States are (fax) (907) 271-1500 and (e-mail) stephan.collins@usdoj.gov.
- 2: counsel for the United States will defer to the requests of defense counsel in regard to the scheduling of motion practice. For the benefit of the court and the government, counsel would suggest that, where appropriate, defense counsel file joint motions rather than separate identical motions.
- 3: the United States would request that any final notice regarding any experts any party intends to call at trial and any required disclosures be scheduled for no later than 30 days before the commencement of trial.
- 4: the office of the United States Attorney has gone to great lengths to minimize the cost and burden of providing discovery to defendants who have appointed counsel in complex cases such as this. As part of this effort, the United States Attorney's has provided and made available to all defense counsel the documentary evidence obtained in this case in electronic form. The United States Attorney has provided this discovery to defense counsel for the simple cost of an exchange of compact discs, at no charge for the cost of individual copying, which in the past would have been as much as \$.25 per page for every page after 500. The United States Attorney, however, no longer has the budget, personnel, or

equipment to reproduce in house the audio and video discovery in complex multi-defendant cases and can not underwrite the expense of having a private service perform this function. As a result, the United States has made arrangements with a private company to reproduce these materials if counsel wish to obtain their own copies from this service at their own expense. This arrangement, however, is not a contractual one, rather, it is one of convenience. If the CJA panel wishes to enter into a contract with any private service that will work with the CJA reimbursement system, the United States will gladly arrange to provide this private service with the discovery materials. The United States Attorney can not and will not bear the burden of paying for the private service to reproduce these materials for defense counsel and then bill defense counsel for these materials.

5: the issues in cases such as this warrant a single trial; the United States is opposed to breaking the case up into a serial trial case. Furthermore, statistically, the number of defendants in a case such as this diminishes as the time for trial approaches. Even if the court were to consider making this a serial trial case, the

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court should not decide that issue until it becomes readily apparent that the trial will have as many defendants going to trial.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this day, January 12, 2006, in
Anchorage, Alaska.

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